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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2006, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.